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.01 Purpose. The purpose of this Manual Supplement is to provide policy and guidance specific to the use of native plants and plant seed in restoration and other revegetation projects. The maintenance of diverse native plant communities of California on a long-term basis is an essential part of preserving ecosystem health and productivity, and the introduction of persistent non-natives is clearly contrary to this goal.

Whenever plant materials are used in management activities such as erosion control, water quality, or restoration projects (including reclamation and rehabilitation), consideration needs to be given to long-term plant community stability and integrity. The selection of genetically appropriate native seeds and plants which achieve the purpose of the planting is therefore a concern. These guidelines establish policy on the use of native plant materials on BLM lands under the jurisdiction of the California State Office.

.02 Objectives. The objectives are:

- A. To maintain and restore native plant communities with emphasis on the local genetic composition.
- B. To use local plant materials for vegetation projects such as erosion control, fire rehabilitation, forage enhancement, water quality, and restoration whenever feasible and appropriate.
- C. To prevent the introduction of undesirable vegetation into native plant communities.
- D. To develop improved techniques for native plant restoration.

.03 Authority.

- A. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43#U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).
- B. Executive Order 13112 of February 3, 1999.
- C. Departmental Manual 235.1.1.A., General Program Delegation, Director, Bureau of Land Management
- D. BLM Manual 1203.3, Redelegation of Authority in State Directors.
- E. BLM Manual 1745 - Introduction, Transplant, Augmentation, and Reestablishment of Fish, Wildlife, and Plants.

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.04 Responsibility.

E. The State Director is responsible for:

1. Overall implementation of the policy on the use of Native Plant Materials in California.
2. Periodically reviewing the policy and handbook and revising as appropriate.

B. Field Managers are responsible for:

1. Implementing the policy on the use of Native Plant Materials in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

.05 Policy. The policy of BLM-California is as follows:

A. To the maximum extent possible, germplasm of native species that is adapted to specific abiotic and biotic site conditions shall be used in revegetation efforts.

B. Use of non-local, native or non-native plant materials will occur only when no other feasible alternative exists, or unusual ecological circumstances dictate that their use is superior.

C. All revegetation projects shall incorporate good practices of early planning, peer evaluation, maintenance, monitoring, and annual reporting to ensure project success. This policy applies to BLM projects and all projects that occur on BLM land (ROWs, easements, etc.)